

**HONORABLE
SERVICE
MEDAL**



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Great State of Maine
IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR
Patriotism, Loyalty and Devotion to Duty
WHO HAVE UNSELFISHLY AND FAITHFULLY
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JOSEPH E. BRENNAN
Governor

ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY
MARCH 23, 1984

THE MAINE HONORABLE SERVICE MEDAL

The Maine Honorable Service Medal, a special commemorative medal honoring Maine's war dead, was authorized by the 110th Legislature's 5th Special Session HP #2435, and signed into law by Governor Joseph E. Brennan, May 13, 1982.

The medal, totally designed in Bronze, proudly displays the great seal of the State of Maine suspended from a bronze bar which reads "Honorable Service". The ribbon background of blue signifies the Color of the State Flag and the scarlet stripes are a reminder of blood which was shed for freedom.

The Medal of Honor commemorates Maine's soldiers, sailors, and airmen who lost their lives in the defense of our Country. It is presented in the name of Maine and it's people who salute their heroes. The medal, in its display case, bears the following inscription on an accompanying plaque:

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State of Maine



WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of Maine have a proud tradition and illustrious history of military service, dating to the years prior to statehood; and

WHEREAS, San Juan Hill, Gettysburg, Bull Run, Manassas, Champagne, -Marne, Meuse-Argonne, Lorraine, Guadalcanal, New Guinea, Luzon, Normandy, Inchon, Bien Hoa, and Pleiku are all places in history where Maine men and women fought and died so that freedom might prevail; and

WHEREAS, seventy-two Maine citizens have been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, for gallantry at risk to life above and beyond the call of duty in these, and in other battles; and

WHEREAS, 14,651 Maine citizens have given their lives in the service of their country in battle, and many brave and gallant Maine servicemen are buried in Arlington National Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, Arlington National Cemetery has reserved space for each State to honor citizens who have made the supreme sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Maine authorized a Maine Honorable Service Medal for permanent enshrinement in the Arlington Display Room; and

WHEREAS, there are 155,000 living veterans in Maine, it is highly appropriate that the "Maine Honorable Service Medal" be presented to Arlington National Cemetery at this time in sacred memory of those Maine citizens who sacrificed so dearly in order that the freedoms cherished by all Americans will endure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH E. BRENNAN, Governor of the State of Maine, together with a distinguished delegation representing all the people of Maine, do hereby present the

MAINE HONORABLE SERVICE MEDAL

for permanent display in the Arlington Memorial Display Room at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, in honor of Maine military heroes who gave their lives in the service of their country.



In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed GIVEN under my hand at Augusta this twenty-third day of March in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Four

Joseph E. Brennan
JOSEPH E. BRENNAN
Governor

Robert S. [Signature]

Secretary of State

A true copy attest.

**MAINE HONORABLE SERVICE MEDAL
PRESENTATION CEREMONY**

**Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
Arlington National Cemetery**

23 March 1984

3:00 p.m.

Changing of the Guard	The 3d United States Infantry (The Old Guard)
Assembly of Troops	The 3d United States Infantry (The Old Guard)
Reading of Proclamation	Colonel Earl L. Adams Department of Defense and Veterans Services, Maine
Presentation of Honorable Service Medal	Governor Joseph E. Brennan
Acceptance	Major General John Ballantyne Commander, United States Army Military District of Washington
Wreath Laying	Governor Joseph E. Brennan
Taps	The United States Army Band (Pershing's Own)
Retirement	The 3d United States Army Band (The Old Guard)

**HONORABLE SERVICE MEDAL PLACEMENT CEREMONY
Arlington Memorial Display Room**

Presentation of Maine Honorable Service Medal to Superintendent, Arlington National Cemetery	Major General John Ballantyne
Placement Ceremony	Governor Joseph E. Brennan Superintendent Raymond J. Constanzo

WAR CASUALTIES FROM THE STATE OF MAINE

		<u>Number</u>	<u>Source Document</u>
Revolutionary War		1000	Maine Book by Dunnack
War of 1812		3 Maine Militia Men	Williamson History of Maine, Vol #1 Pages 72-79
Aroostook War of 1839 1846-1848		1 (sickness)	Maine Book by Dunnack
Mexican-American War 1861-1865		17	AG Report 1846-1848
Civil War		9398	AG Report 1864-1865
Spanish-American War		44 (disease)	AG Report 1898
World War I	All Branches	1026	AG Report, Vol #2 1917-1919
World War II	All Branches	2592	U.S. Army Library Washington, D.C.
Korean War	Army, Marines, and Navy	233	U.S. Army Library Washington, D.C.
Vietnam	All Branches	337	Veterans Services Augusta, Maine
TOTAL:		<u>14651</u>	

This report was prepared by the Maine Army National Guard, Personnel and Administration Division, Camp Keyes, Augusta, Maine.

UNDER AUTHORITY OF PUBLIC RESOLUTION 67, OF THE 66TH CONGRESS, APPROVED MARCH 4, 1921, AN UNKNOWN AMERICAN SOLDIER WAS EXHUMED FROM EACH OF THE FOUR AMERICAN CEMETERIES IN FRANCE. THEY WERE PLACED IN IDENTICAL CASKETS AND ASSEMBLED AT CHALONS SUR MARNE.

THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER WAS SELECTED ON OCTOBER 24, 1921. SERGEANT EDWARD F. YOUNGER, U.S. ARMY, CARRYING A SPRAY OF WHITE ROSES, ENTERED THE ROOM WHERE THE FOUR UNMARKED FLAG-DRAPED CASKETS WERE RESTING. HE SLOWLY CIRCLED, SILENTLY PLACING THE ROSES ON ONE OF THE CASKETS. THUS THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER WAS OFFICIALLY DESIGNATED. THE THREE REMAINING UNKNOWN AMERICANS WERE THEN RETURNED TO THE MEUSE ARGONNE CEMETERY.

THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER WAS PLACED ABOARD THE U.S. CRUISER OLYMPIA, WHICH ARRIVED AT THE NATION'S CAPITOL ON NOVEMBER 9, 1921. THE HONORED REMAINS WERE TAKEN TO THE ROTUNDA OF THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL, TO REST IN STATE UNTIL ARMISTICE DAY. ON NOVEMBER 11, THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER WAS MOVED TO THE MEMORIAL AMPITHEATER, IN ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY. AFTER THE SERVICES IN THE AMPITHEATER, THE REMAINS WERE BORNE TO THE SARCOPHAGUS FOR BRIEF COMMITTAL RITES. THE IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY CLOSED WITH THREE SALVOS OF ARTILLERY, THE SOUNDING OF TAPS AND THE NATIONAL SALUTE.

UNDER AUTHORITY OF PUBLIC LAW 429, 79TH CONGRESS, APPROVED 24 JUNE 1946, 13 UNKNOWN AMERICANS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES WHILE SERVING OVERSEAS IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES DURING WORLD WAR II WERE EXHUMED FROM AMERICAN CEMETERIES IN EUROPE AND AFRICA, AND SHIPPED IN IDENTICAL CASKETS TO EPINAL, FRANCE. MAJOR GENERAL EDWARD J. O'NEILL, U.S. ARMY, ON MAY 12, 1958, SOLEMNLY CHOSE FROM AMONG THESE CASKETS ONE TO BE DESIGNATED AS THE TRANS-ATLANTIC CANDIDATE UNKNOWN. THE REMAINING UNKNOWN AMERICANS WERE REINTERRED.

THE REMAINS OF TWO UNKNOWN AMERICANS WERE DISINTERRED ON APRIL 15, 1958 FROM THE NATIONAL CEMETERY OF THE PACIFIC, HAWAII, AND FOUR UNKNOWNNS WERE DISINTERRED FROM THE FORT MCKINLEY AMERICAN CEMETERY AND MEMORIAL, IN THE PHILIPPINES. THE SIX UNKNOWNNS WERE THEN TAKEN TO HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, WHERE ON MAY 16, 1958, COLONEL GLENN T. EAGLESTON, U.S. AIR FORCE, PLACED A WHITE CARNATION LEI, SELECTING CANDIDATE-UNKNOWN TO REPRESENT THE TRANS-PACIFIC PHASE OF WORLD WAR II. THE FIVE OTHER CASKETS WERE REINTERRED.

THE CANDIDATE-UNKNOWN WAS THEN TRANSPORTED TO THE CRUISER CANBERRA WHERE THE FINAL SELECTION OF WORLD WAR II UNKNOWN TOOK PLACE.

ON THE AFTERMISSILE DECK OF THE CANBERRA, HOSPITALMAN FIRST CLASS WILLIAM R. CHARETTE, THE NAVY'S ONLY ACTIVE ENLISTED HOLDER OF THE MEDAL OF HONOR, HAD THE DISTINCTION OF MAKING THE SELECTION OF THE WORLD WAR II UNKNOWN. AFTER A MOMENTS HESITATION HE PLACED A WREATH AT THE FOOT OF THE CASKET ON HIS RIGHT. THIS WAS THE UNKNOWN OF WORLD WAR II. THE CANDIDATE-UNKNOWN NOT SELECTED RECEIVED A SAILOR'S SOLEMN BURIAL AT SEA.

UNDER AUTHORITY OF PUBLIC LAW 975, 84TH CONGRESS, APPROVED AUGUST 3, 1956, 4 UNKNOWN AMERICANS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES WHILE SERVING OVERSEAS IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES DURING THE KOREAN CONFLICT WERE EXHUMED FROM THE NATIONAL CEMETERY OF THE PACIFIC IN HAWAII. ON MAY 15, 1958, MASTER SERGEANT NED LYLE, U.S. ARMY, HOLDING A CARNATION WREATH STOOD MOMENTARILY SILENT BEFORE THE FOUR IDENTICAL FLAG-DRAPED CASKETS; HE PLACED THE WREATH ON THE END CASKET TO SIGNIFY THE SELECTION OF THE KOREAN WAR UNKNOWN. THE REMAINING UNKNOWN AMERICANS WERE REINTERRED IN THE NATIONAL CEMETERY OF THE PACIFIC.

THE UNKNOWN OF KOREA WAS TRANSPORTED TO THE CRUISER CANBERRA TO JOIN THE UNKNOWNNS OF WORLD WAR II.

AT SEA OFF NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, THE UNKNOWNNS OF WORLD WAR II AND KOREA WERE TRANSFERRED TO THE DESTROYER BLANDY, WHICH BROUGHT THEM TO THE NATION'S CAPITOL.

UPON THEIR ARRIVAL, ON MAY 28, 1958, THE UNKNOWNNS WERE TAKEN TO THE ROTUNDA OF THE NATION'S CAPITOL TO REST IN STATE UNTIL MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 30, 1958. THE UNKNOWNNS WERE THEN MOVED TO THE MEMORIAL AMPITHEATER IN ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY AND THERE, BEFORE DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, THE PRESIDENT AWARDED THE MEDAL OF HONOR TO EACH. AFTER THE SERVICES, THEY WERE BORNE TO THIS PLAZA, AND FOLLOWING RELIGIOUS RITES, THEY RECEIVED A 21 GUN SALUTE. THE SERVICES WERE CONCLUDED WITH THE FIRING OF THREE VOLLEYS AND THE SOUNDING OF TAPS.

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